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Sarah McLachlan performs Tuesday at the Rick Hansen Celebration 25, a star-studded live show at the Pacific Coliseum. The celebration marked the end of the 25th anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour, including a nine-month, cross-country relay through 600 communities, with 7,000 Canadians participating. Story, page 3. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

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Canada-wide warrant

Man who carjacked actress' BMW disappears from psychiatric hospital

A man who hijacked the car of a B.C. actress and smashed it into a building in downtown Vancouver has disappeared after being granted a day pass from a psychiatric hospital.

The RCMP say 34-year-old David Fomradas left the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in Port Coquitlam on the weekend and never came back.

Cpl. Jamie Chung says Fomradas can be dangerous if he's not on his medication and police have issued a Canada-wide warrant for his arrest. In 2009, Fomradas jumped into a BMW occupied by actress Carly Pope and her brother before smashing the car into the Vancouver CBC building. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Energy

Province orders a 50 per cent cut in hydro-rate increases

Energy Minister Rich Coleman says he has cut expected BC Hydro rate increases by 50 per cent over three years.

Coleman says he made the decision based on a government-ordered review of hydro services and because the government wants to keep rates affordable for families. He says he has now directed the B.C. Utilities Commission to reduce the proposed rate increases.

Hydro originally proposed to increase hydro rates by about 30 per cent over three years starting last May.

But Coleman says the increases are now about 17 per cent over the three years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rick Hansen and final relay runner Amanda Magyar give the thumbs-up Tuesday as they make their way towards Terry Fox Plaza with Premier Christy Clark. Hansen's arrival at Terry Fox Plaza marked the end of the 25th anniversary of the Man in Motion Tour. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man in Motion still on the move

'Symbol of hope.' Rick Hanson celebrates conclusion of the anniversary of Man in Motion tour at BC place

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It's been 25 years since Rick Hansen finished his 26-month journey around the globe to shine the spotlight on accessibility issues for the disabled and to find a cure for spinal cord injuries.

Hansen marked the end of the yearlong anniversary celebration of his Man in Motion World Tour Tuesday night and recognized local champions across the country.

"I know that in the next 25 years, we'll get to the dream and we'll celebrate that there will never ever be another person as permanently paralyzed when they have a spinal cord injury," said Hansen earlier in the day at a ceremony outside BC Place.

The celebration at the Pacific Coliseum featured performances by award-winning Canadian artists like Sarah McLachlan, Jann Arden and David Foster — the man behind Hansen's Man in Motion theme song.

They were joined by others like David Suzuki, Free the Children founder Craig Kielburger and Paralympic gold medal-winning athlete Lauren Woolstencraft.

McLachlan congraluted Hansen for 25 years of being a great hero and a "symbol of hope" for all Canadians.

Hansen also announced the start of the first annual Rick Hansen Day of Possibilities, a national public fundraising campaign that sets the stage for the next 25 years of spinal cord initiatives.

Earlier, Hansen finished his nine-month, cross-country relay through 600 communities outside BC Place, the site where he and his team finished their journey on May 22, 1987. The Man in Motion Tour raised $26 million for spinal cord research and quality of life initiatives.

A quarter century later, the Rick Hansen Foundation has generated $250 million.

"Every person, the one billion people on this planet who have disabilities will have hope and possibility and a meaningful and productive life … living in an inclusive society and on a healthy planet fuelled by hope and inspiration because they know that they're not alone," Hansen said.

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Cuba's web access trudges along

More than a year after an underwater fibre-optic cable promised to end Cuba's Internet isolation and boost the island's web capacity, Internet connections remain the slowest in the Western Hemisphere. Watch at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Wondering who's going to win the European Championship? Just ask the pig. This year's answer to Paul the Octopus — the tentacled tipster who gained worldwide fame for his 2010 World Cup predictions — will likely be an enormous beer-loving pig. Scan the code to read about the psychic-seeming animals.

Trains will keep on track

Deal reached. West Coast Express and commuter trains will still run with a strike

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West Coast Express commuters can breathe a sigh of relief.

Users of the commuter-train service were facing the prospect of being stranded in the event of a strike by Canadian Pacific Railway employees, which the union says is now underway.

But that potential crisis has been averted after Teamsters Canada Rail Conference and the federal government reached a deal to keep the West Coast Express, and commuter trains in Montreal and Toronto, running despite nearly 5,000 employees being on strike.

"All we can say is that we're absolutely relieved and we're looking forward to running business as usual," said TransLink spokesperson Jennifer Siddon. "We're very grateful."

TransLink had been planning on running additional buses from key West Coast Express stations to ferry passengers to the nearest SkyTrain station if the train service was shut down.

Instead, the rail service linking Missing, Pitt Meadows and the tri-cities to Vancouver will resume regular service.

CP employees were legally able to strike one minute after midnight this morning, the deadline to reach a collective-bargaining agreement with their employers.

The two sides met with federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt on Tuesday morning and continued their negotiations throughout the day.

The union said the two sides were unable to reach an agreement despite talks that continued until the deadline.

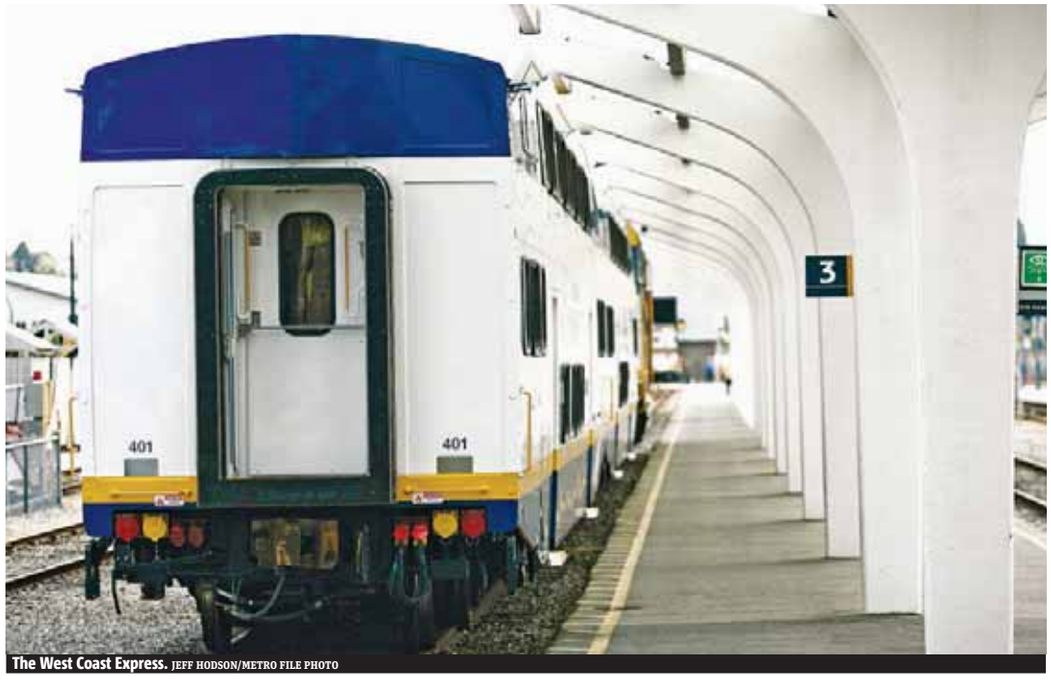
Both the union and CP spokesman Ed Greenberg says the negotiations will continue on Wednesday.

"At the request of the minister of labour, and as a demonstration of goodwill, CP has agreed to allow operation of the three metro commuter services in Canada," said CP spokesman Ed Greenberg.

Teamsters vice-president Douglas Finnson earlier described the meeting with Raitt as "very positive" without elaborating on the topics discussed.

The major points of contention are pensions, some work rules and fatigue management, he added.

A strike would still halt shipments of grain, fertilizer, coal and many other commodities Canadian Pacific moves along nearly 24,000 kilometres of track in Canada and the U.S.



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Loss of Kitsilano station could be deadly: Union

Retired Coast Guard station commander Fred Moxey talks about the risks involved in closing the Kitsilano base this fall. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

The union representing Coast Guard employees is asking the federal government to throw the ill-fated Kitsilano station a line or risk the consequences.

In a bid to cut costs, Ottawa announced it would be closing the station at Kitsilano — one of the busiest in Canada — after this summer's boating season.

But statistics released by the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees Tuesday show that the decision could be a deadly one.

According to the union, employees at the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station have saved 55 lives so far this year.

Nine were saved this Victoria Day long weekend alone.

"This is the truth, there are no smoke and mirrors here. This is a real serious situation," said Fred Moxey, a retired station commander.

"Nobody is going to be there to help these people. Unless there is someone else out there with EMS training that happens to come along — it's like winning the lottery — you're on your own."

Vancouver city councillors Geoff Meggs, Kerry Jang and Tim Stevenson, park board chair Constance Barnes and federal MP Fin Donnelly have thrown their support behind the Save the Kitsilano Coast Guard Base campaign on Facebook.

The city officials say the decision to scrap the station came as a complete shock to municipal and regional governments.

"Hundreds of people, some with no skills and experience, head into treacherous waters. We do need backup. This is an essential service," said Meggs.

"We're very disturbed and upset with the decision of the federal government."

The station responded to 285 incidents in 2011 and costs $900,000 a year to run.

The federal government proposes the Coast Guard's station in Richmond, half an hour away by hovercraft, is capable of covering for the loss of the Kitsilano station — though the union disagrees.

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False alarm

Dynamite scare clears Polson Park in Vernon

A park in Vernon was evacuated this morning after an explosives scare.

The RCMP's Gord Molendyk says police were called to Polson Park after a report that a man was trying to sell some dynamite.

He says a canvas bag was found near some railway tracks and a bomb squad was called in from Vancouver, but the call was cancelled a few minutes later when the items in the bag were identified as railway flares. A man was arrested.

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Powell Lake mystery

Man's remains found after 27 years

The B.C. Coroner's Service has helped solve a 27-year-old missing-person mystery.

The agency says the body of a man found in Powell Lake in April has been identified as Francis John Howe of Powell River, who was 51 years old when he was last seen alive at the Powell Lake Marina in July of 1984.

His boat was later found tied up at his cabin on Powell Lake, but a search failed to find any sign of him. His body wasn't found until a recreational diver spotted the remains last month. The coroner's service says there was no foul play in the death.

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Emergency

Pregnant woman OK after crashing into police cruiser

A pregnant woman and her unborn baby are OK after a scary crash in Abbotsford.

Police in that Fraser Valley community say the 28-year-old was driving through a green light (on Harris Road at Riverside Street) yesterday afternoon when she collided with a police cruiser that was rushing to another call.

Investigators say the cruiser had its emergency equipment activated and had slowed — but could not completely stop — for the red light, when the cruiser was hit by the woman's car.

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Tenants protest rent increases, 'renovictions'

East Side. NDP MLA and housing critic Shane Simpson says the realtor has not responded to concerns

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Dozens of tenants of an asbestos-contaminated East Vancouver apartment building held a rally Tuesday morning to denounce the owner, who they claimed has been carrying out illegal and unsafe "renovictions" and jacking up their rents.

A "renoviction" is the practice of serving a tenant with an eviction notice in order to renovate their suite and thereby increase its rental value without their consent.

Connor Donegan with the Vancouver Renters' Union said since realtor Lorenzo Aquilini bought 1850 Adanac St. last year, tenants have been intimidated and bullied into either leaving the building or agreeing to move into renovated suites renting for $300 to $400 more per month.

"These are rent increases that are 16 to 21 times the legal rate of increase," Donegan said, referring to limits on rent increases set out under the Residential Tenancy Act.

WorkSafeBC ordered the contractors to stop work last week after it was discovered they were renovating without proper permits. Tenants allege they were not following proper safety procedures for dealing with an asbestos-contaminated building.

Vancouver-Hastings MLA and NDP housing critic Shane Simpson wrote to Aquilini on April 13 raising the tenants' concerns, and said he has heard nothing back.

"It's my view that landlords, like tenants, all have rights under the law, but people cannot do this kind of work without proper permits," Simpson said. "They cannot be removing asbestos in a way that is hazardous to the workers and to the tenants, and they simply cannot deal with tenants in terms of evictions or extraordinary rent increases without following the law that we have in British Columbia."

The allegations made at the rally have not been proven in court, but at least two tenants said they are considering legal action.

Multiple attempts to contact Aquilini were unsuccessful. A representative of the building's management company, Royal Providence Management Inc., said he was planning to release a statement Tuesday afternoon, but was unwilling to provide information on how to obtain it.

A message left with his office was not returned.

Jeff Mohoric, centre, claims he was served with a 10-day eviction notice and moved out of his home of 15 years at 1850 Adanac St. last fall because he didn't know his rights as a tenant. KATE WEBB/METRO

Hostage says she was held for hours by man with explosives

A woman taken hostage in her Kamloops home last week says a man who died there in an explosion and blaze tormented her for hours and threatened to set her on fire.

Sherry Young told station CFJC that she knew 48-year-old Dennan Crosby only as a former colleague and was not his ex-girlfriend as reported earlier. Police continue to maintain the pair had a six-month relationship last year.

Young, 44, said she and her four children, along with her boyfriend, David Modore, and his two kids, were arriving home last Thursday evening when Crosby pulled up in a white van.

She said Crosby had a "crazed and wild look in his eyes" and that the adults tried to get everyone in the house.

As the front door was being closed, Crosby forced his way in with the barrel of a gun, which went off in front of her face, Young said Tuesday.

"As we were entering the house, Denann had the gun aimed at David's chest as he had turned around to shield three of the five children. My 11-year-old son later said that he thought David was going to die."

While Young's boyfriend and the children escaped, Crosby held her hostage.

"He kept taunting me by showing me all the things that he had in his bag that he had planned to do to me. One of them was a fire starter and he was going to spray it on me and light me on fire," Young said.

"He made me watch a video of his test explosions of the explosives that were on his chest on a harness."

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Dating website targets niche market: Lonely smokers

Deal breaker.
Smokers often shunned on traditional dating websites, says the founder of smoking-lovers.com

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Smokers need love, too.

That's the concept behind a new Vancouver-based niche dating website launched this week aimed at the lonely souls who have been kicked out of restaurants, shunned from city parks and beaches, and pushed off public sidewalks because of their habit.

"It's hard to meet people. I've been on the West Coast for a while and there is a big divide between non-smokers and smokers here," said Helen Siwak, the founder of smoking-lovers.com.

Siwak doesn't smoke, but she's seen how smokers are treated on traditional dating websites.

"Right off the bat, you're asked to check off on the four deal breakers: drugs, kids, religion … and smoking," she said. "People have some really strong ideas on smoking, so we wanted to give (smokers) a place where they won't be judged."

Siwak hopes non-smokers join up as well, offering support to those looking to kick their habit without slamming the door on a relationship altogether.

"It's just a more supportive environment," she said.

As of Tuesday, 64 people in Canada had signed up for the recently launched website.

Another niche venture of Siwak's, tattoo-friendly dating site taffcafe.com, has more than 8,000 members.

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Smoking

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Helen Siwak, founder of smoking-lovers.com

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Mayors cautiously optimistic about TransLink

Transportation Minister Blair Lekstrom answers reporters' questions after the Mayors' Council meeting Tuesday. KATE WEBB/METRO

Transportation Minister Blair Lekstrom met with the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Tuesday to discuss proposed changes to TransLink's governance model.

Under Lekstrom's Bill 51, which is expected to pass its third reading in the legislature next week, North Vancouver District Mayor Richard Walton and Langley City Mayor Peter Fassbender would represent elected councils on the nine-member appointed TransLink board.

"They've asked for an opportunity to have more input on the board," Lekstrom said after meeting with the mayors in Burnaby Tuesday morning.

"This is a very good step, I think, toward that, having both the chair and the vice-chair from the Mayors' Council, who were elected by the mayors around that table to go sit on the board, so I think that's a very positive step."

The mayors said they came away with mixed feelings about the upcoming changes.

"We do have some concerns. First of all, the positions require a significant amount of time," said Walton, who explained most mayors already work extremely long hours, and having to serve on TransLink's board will add two full-time days a week to their already busy schedules.

"We're probably going to formally respond in June as to our position on that."

But echoing Lekstrom, Fassbender called it a step in the right direction.

"I don't think any of us feel that it solves all the issues," he said. "I would say there are mixed opinions around the table. Some feel that it is a good step in the right direction without being the ultimate answer to everything, and there are some who think it's a slippery slope and we shouldn't go down it."

In 2008 the province changed TransLink's board from a 12-member elected body composed of mayors and councillors to an appointed board of professionals whose regular meetings are no longer open to the public or media.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Maple Ridge

Tracking devices help police recover laptops

Tracking devices installed by a school district in Maple Ridge have helped police return four stolen laptops.

The devices allow computers to be monitored, the same as so-called bait cars.

RCMP Cpl. Alanna Dunlop says the school district provides Mounties with detailed information that is reported by a stolen computer.

That allows police to try and obtain a search warrant for where the computer is located.

Dunlop says the technology is helping police to recover expensive school equipment.

She warns people who buy items such as laptops to ensure they're not stolen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arson investigation

Investigators probe cause of suspicious blaze

Vancouver arson investigators are looking into the cause of a suspicious blaze that destroyed a garage and two vehicles early Tuesday morning. Police were called to the home in the 700 block of East 62nd Avenue around 4:30 a.m. METRO

Possible charges

8 teens injured in drinking-and-driving accident

A 17-year-old Langley teen may face charges — but at least he will survive. Investigators say the teen and seven passengers had been drinking when their vehicle went off the road, leaving several of the youths with non-life-threatening injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pest control

Giant rats proliferating on city's Eastside

Rats up to 23 centimetres long are infesting Vancouver's Eastside, and residents are demanding the city take steps to wipe out the pests. A protest was planned Tuesday at the site of a garbage-filled lot where activists say some of the largest rats are living. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Invasive plant

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Now may be the perfect time to target an invasive plant that's been choking out native foliage around the province. Joanne Sales of the group Broombusters says now's the time to target the plant that's been blooming with yellow flowers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Legal challenge

Expat voters fight five-year limit

A law stripping voting rights from expatriate Canadians who have lived abroad for more than five years should be struck down as unconstitutional, according to a legal challenge served on the federal government. The application was filed in Ontario Superior Court on behalf of two Canadians living in the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec politics

Corruption inquiry gets underway

A public inquiry with possibly devastating political ramifications has begun in Quebec with the presiding judge outlining the ambitious task before her: to uncover a network of corruption in the province.

France Charbonneau, a Quebec Superior Court justice, has a mandate to examine a 15-year period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Space exploration

Canadarm to grab Dragon capsule

The iconic Canadarm is expected to play a key role in the coming days in what's being described as another historic step in space exploration. The giant arm on the International Space Station will be used to grab the so-called Dragon capsule — the first privately built spacecraft to visit the orbiting space lab. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student protests

Strikers mark 100th day of unrest

A river of red-clad protesters rippled through downtown Montreal Tuesday to mark the 100th day of Quebec's student strikes. Tens of thousands of people clogged the city core in a festive, multi-headed march designed to make a mockery of a new provincial law that demands protest routes be approved in advance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bus beheader thought he was attacking alien

Supporter's story. Li feels remorse and regret, according to head of Manitoba Schizophrenia Society

Vince Li appears in a Portage La Prairie, Man., court in August 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

A man who beheaded and cannibalized a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus thought he was attacking an alien, according to a supporter.

Vince Li is filled with remorse for his actions and understands he is a schizophrenic who must remain on his medication, Chris Summerville said Tuesday.

Li feels "remorse, a degree of humility — I know a lot of people won't believe that — regret and a sense of torment," Summerville said. "He understands now that schizophrenia is a mental illness which plays tricks on the brain. He knows that the medication works to keep the voices away."

Summerville, head of the Manitoba Schizophrenia Society, has met with Li roughly every two months over the last four years. He feels Li has not been treated fairly by the media or the public, so he conducted a 45-minute interview with Li last weekend with the hope of shedding light on Li's progress.

Summerville released an edited transcript to the media Tuesday, in which he and Li discuss the night of July 30, 2008, when Li sat on a bus next to Tim McLean, a young carnival worker who was coming home to Winnipeg. "He was on the lookout for aliens as such, and the voice of God told him that Tim McLean was an alien and he needed to destroy him lest Tim destroy other people," Summerville said.

McLean had his eyes closed and was listening to music on his headphones when Li suddenly stood up and started stabbing him. As the bus stopped and horrified passengers fled, Li carved up McLean's body and ate portions of it.

Li was found not criminally responsible for the crime and placed in a locked wing of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. Initially, he was not allowed outside, but over the years he has gained more freedom. Last week, a Criminal Code review board ruled Li can start having escorted trips off the hospital grounds and into the nearby city of Selkirk. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Making their mark

Michael J. Fox, Louise Arbour, Sheila Watt-Cloutier and Rick Hansen are being honoured with the first of a new series of "difference maker" stamps. Canada Post noted Fox's work to raise awareness and funding for the treatment of Parkinson's disease; Hansen's foundation to support research for spinal-cord injury; Watt-Cloutier's work for aboriginal and human rights and climate change awareness; and Arbour's international acclaim for serving in roles including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. COURTESY OF CANADA POST

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White supremacist

Farm worker found guilty of murder

A court found a black farm worker guilty on Tuesday of murdering Eugene Terreblanche, a white supremacist, with an iron rod in 2010 in rural South Africa. A younger farm worker was acquitted of the murder. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South African art

Zuma seeks ban on painting

South African President Jacob Zuma and his African National Congress sought a court order Tuesday to have a painting depicting the president's genitals removed from an art gallery, but two men took matters into their own hands by defacing the portrait with gobs of paint. The case pits freedom of expression against the right to dignity, both guaranteed by South Africa's constitution.

The painting by Brett Murray went on display in a Johannesburg gallery this month and came to the ANC's attention a week later, after local media reported it had been sold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suicide bombing

Yemen mourns on National Day

Yemenis held sombre ceremonies Tuesday to mark the country's National Day following a suicide bombing a day earlier that killed nearly 100 soldiers and deeply shook many people's faith in the nation's future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diverted flight

Passenger claims implanted device

A US Airways jet travelling from Paris to North Carolina was diverted to Maine on Tuesday after a French passenger gave a note to a flight attendant saying she had a surgically implanted device, raising security concerns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London Olympics

Royal relative to carry torch

London Olympic organizers say Zara Phillips, the granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth II, will carry the Olympic torch while riding Toytown — the horse that nearly helped her win a berth for the Beijing Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hezbollah appeals for calm after roadblock, kidnapping

Syria. Rebels intercept vehicles and abduct 11 Lebanese Shiites, sparking protest

The leader of Lebanon's Shiite militant group Hezbollah appealed for calm Tuesday after people blocked roads and burned tires in Beirut to protest the kidnapping of 11 Lebanese Shiites in neighbouring Syria.

The abductions, in Syria's northern Aleppo province, threatened to ignite dangerous sectarian tensions and fuelled fears that Lebanon is getting drawn into the chaos next door.

The Lebanese were on their way home from a religious pilgrimage in Iran when Syrian rebels intercepted their vehicles, Syria's state-run SANA news agency said. The rebels abducted the 11 men and a Syrian driver. The women were released.

Lebanese security officials confirmed the kidnapping.

As the news of the kidnappings spread, residents of the southern suburbs of Beirut, a Shiite area, took to the streets and burned tires and blocked roads in protest.

The leader of Hezbollah, a strong ally of the Syrian regime, appealed for calm and warned his followers against revenge attacks targeting Syrians.

"This is strictly prohibited," Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised speech. He said the Lebanese government must press for the pilgrims' release.

Hezbollah has stood by Syrian President Bashar Assad as he struggles to put down a 15-month-old uprising.

Sunnis form the backbone of the Syrian revolt, which has unleashed boiling sectarian tensions. Assad and the ruling elite in Syria belong to the tiny Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiism.

Within hours of the kidnappings, the Syrian government began moving into Azaz in Aleppo province, where the abductions took place, activists said.

The spark for the violence was the killing Sunday of Sheik Ahmed Abdul-Wahid, an anti-Syrian Sunni cleric, and his bodyguard in northern Lebanon. A Lebanese soldier shot the men, apparently after they failed to stop at an army checkpoint. The killing fuelled deep anger over the perceived support of some of Lebanon's security forces for the Syrian regime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourners react Monday during the funeral procession of Sunni cleric Sheik Ahmed Abdul-Wahid — who was shot at a Lebanese army checkpoint — in his hometown village of Beireh in Akkar, north Lebanon. Abdul-Wahid's death sparked deep anger in Syrian rebels, who went on to abduct 11 Lebanese Shiites.
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Court sentences cops for killing protesters

An Egyptian court sentenced five policemen to 10 years in prison in absentia on Tuesday for killing protesters, in a rare conviction of security officials accused of using deadly force against the demonstrations that overthrew Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

Typically, defendants who do not appear in court are automatically convicted, but will also receive a new trial once apprehended.

However, families of slain protesters attending the court session counted the convictions as a victory. They broke down in tears and chanted "God is great!" in a show of relief.

Until now, out of the nearly 200 policemen and security officials who face charges related to the killing of protesters in 2011, one was convicted in absentia. When he had a retrial, he received a one-year suspended sentence.

Others are still standing trial, including Mubarak himself.

A verdict in his case is expected next month.

Out of the 17 defendants who appeared on Tuesday before the Giza Criminal Court, two others received one-year suspended sentences while 10 other policemen were acquitted.

The 17 were charged in relation to the killing of five protesters and the injury of 17 others in front of three police stations during Egypt's 2011 uprising in Giza, Cairo's twin city.

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Auction house selling Reagan blood vial

Presidential blood. Vial being sold by a man whose late mother took it from a laboratory with permission

A Channel Islands auction house says it's selling a vial that allegedly contains blood residue from Ronald Reagan — a move denounced Tuesday by the late U.S. president's foundation.

The vial being auctioned online was used by the laboratory that tested Reagan's blood when he was hospitalized after a 1981 assassination attempt in Washington, the PFC Auctions house said.

John Heubusch, executive director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation in California, condemned the auction and vowed to try to halt it.

Blood money

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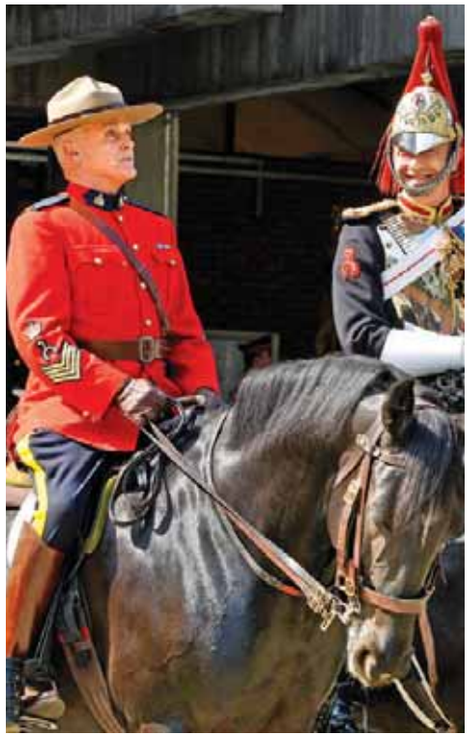
Bidding for the vial had passed the $11,000 mark Tuesday, the house said, and the auction ends Thursday.

"If indeed this story is true, it's a craven act and we will use every legal means to stop its sale or purchase," Heubusch said in a statement. "We've spoken to George Washington Hospital and are assured an investigation, as to how something like this could possibly happen, is underway.

"Any individual, including a president, should feel confident that once they enter into the care of a medical system their privacy and rights are held inviolable," he said.

The seller, a Reagan supporter, claimed he believes the late president would have wanted him to sell the vial rather than donate it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This image released by PFC Auctions shows a vial said to contain Ronald Reagan's dried blood residue. PFCAUCTIONS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Royal body guards ride

Two Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers talk at Hyde Park Barracks in London, England, on Tuesday. Queen Elizabeth II has invited the Mounties to act as her personal body guards for the monarch's Diamond Jubilee celebration. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cornell. Researchers may have colourful over-eating solution

Researchers from Cornell University may have found an original colour-based solution to over-eating.

An experiment conducted on 98 college students found that people ate less when they were confronted by edible "stop signs." The research team inserted potato chips that had been dyed red at intervals of five to seven into a tube. On average, these students ate 52 per cent less than those eating from tubes of regularly coloured chips, researchers claimed.

"We find (the red chips) provide an interruption. They say, 'Am I really that hungry?'" Brian Walsink, lead researcher and author of Mindless Eating, told Metro. "The people didn't know what the red chips meant, but almost all of them ate one or two past it and then stopped."

Walsink attributes the findings to a disruption of the widespread "auto-eater" syndrome. "We are almost all mindless eaters and even the most controlled person is not aware of how food influences them," he said.

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Tighter mortgage rules not enough to cool market: OECD

Real estate. OECD suggests Bank of Canada raise interest rates this fall with a target of 2.25 per cent

Moves by the federal government to tighten mortgage lending rules aren't doing enough to cool the housing market in the hottest regions in the country, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said Tuesday.

OECD senior economist Peter Jarrett said while some areas will benefit from the changes, red-hot markets like Toronto are unaffected by the more restrictive rules.

"The risks are that people put too many eggs in one basket," Jarrett said in warning that low rates entice homebuyers to borrow more than they can sustain at higher rates.

The posted rate for a variable-rate mortgage at Canada's big banks stands at prime plus 0.2 percentage points, or roughly 3.2 per cent.

"If rates go up something like we are suggesting, then mortgage rates will be in more like the five per cent range," Jarrett said.

Rate risks

"The risks are that people put too many eggs in one basket."

OECD senior economist Peter Jarrett, warning that low interest rates entice homeowners to borrow more than they can sustain

The OECD has suggested the Bank of Canada begin to raise interest rates this fall with a target of 2.25 per cent by the end of next year, up from one per cent, where it has stood since September 2010.

"We feel that at least in the hottest real estate markets, particularly Toronto, that that would be a good signal that people should think twice about continuing to leverage up in order to buy more house than maybe they really need," Jarrett said.

The Paris-based international development body recommended last year that the Bank of Canada look to start raising interest rates, but it was ignored as the European sovereign debt crisis rocked the global economy and prompted the central bank to remain on hold.

Jarrett said as long as the European sovereign debt crisis doesn't explode again this summer, higher rates will be justified.

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty have both warned Canadians repeatedly that higher interest rates are coming as rates have lingered near historic lows for years.

The central banker has said that record-high household debt is the number-one domestic risk to the economy.

For his part, Flaherty has tightened mortgage lending rules three times in recent years, including reducing the maximum amortization period and hiking the minimum down payment.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. and the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions have also tweaked the system and may be preparing to do more. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scheming rings around the Olympic brand

People walk past the Café Lympic in Stratford, east London. One day, the small espresso shop near the site of the London Games was the "Olympic" café. The next day, it was the "Lympic." So where did the O go? The manager won't say. But it's more than likely the small business became another casualty in the battle against guerrilla marketers — advertisers who try to associate their products with an event without paying to be sponsors. Protecting the Olympic brand is always a big job, and never more so than this year. Olympic organizers say the increasing sophistication of guerrilla marketers and the rise of social media are putting the five rings under assault in ways barely envisioned a decade ago.

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Facebook's stock slide deepens

Facebook's newly public stock offering's value slid further on its third trading day as investors reconsidered how much the social network is actually worth.

The company's long-anticipated initial public offering of stock raised $16 billion US, valuing the company at $104 billion — more than Amazon.com, at $98 billion.

But Facebook's stock has plunged after the IPO.

It fell $1.09, or 3.2 per cent, to $32.94 in late morning trading Tuesday, after dropping as low as $30.98 earlier in the day. The latest price is 13 per cent below the IPO price of $38 and values the company at about $91 billion. Google, meanwhile, is worth nearly $200 billion.

The downward spiral has left some people sitting on big losses and others scratching their heads. After all, nothing fundamental has changed at Facebook in the days since the much-hyped company came to Nasdaq Stock Market with a ticker symbol of FB.

Facebook still has more than 900 million users, its 28-year-old founder Mark Zuckerberg controls the company, and it is still one of the few profitable Internet companies to go public.

Facebook's IPO — like Netscape's in 1995 and Google's in 2004 — was billed as a milestone moment. But investors don't seem convinced.

Facebook's stock closed Monday at $34.03, down 11 per cent from Friday's closing price of $38.23. The investment banks that arranged Facebook's offering set a price of $38 on Thursday.

Although many investors had hoped for a big first-day pop, Facebook's stock opened Friday at $42.05 and fluctuated between $45 and $38 throughout the day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market muddle

For a host of reasons, Facebook's falling share price shouldn't have been a surprise.

- Its IPO occurred the same week that the markets posted their worst performance so far in 2012.
- Americans' love affair with the stock market continued to wane. People have yanked more than $400 billion from U.S. stock mutual funds since 2008.

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ZUCKERBERG'S ALL TIED UP

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Mark Zuckerberg is 28 years old.

Over the weekend, he got married to his longtime sweetheart, Priscilla Chan.

Oh, and his company went public. It's called Facebook and it's now worth about $93 billion US, and Zuckerberg himself is worth about $19 billion.

What did you do this weekend?

The crazy thing for Zuckerberg is that it really only begins to get interesting. Now he has shareholders and a wife. Welcome to accountability, kid.

Most of what I know about Zuckerberg I learned from that movie The Social Network, which made him out to be the worst kind of manipulative nerd, who stole the whole Facebook idea from the Winklevoss twins, two hunky Harvard Olympic-class characters who have made a career out of being victimized by Zuckerberg. Nice work if you can get it.

But however it started, in exactly eight years Zuckerberg has managed to turn Facebook into the world's largest social network, with 901 million active users. In June 2011, Facebook reached one trillion page views, making it the most-visited website in the world. How long before it passes a bazillion?

Sweating it

On the eve of the IPO, he wore a hoodie while meeting with all the investment houses that were about to handle the offering.

Friday's initial public offering raised $16 billion, though it's not all roses. The stock is falling from its opening-day price of $38, and a lot of investors who thought they were going to buy and then flip the stock after Day 1 find themselves owning shares of a ... website, albeit the world's most visited.

I have a website. It's called breakthroughpr.com. It's yours for a mere billion. Or a million. OBO.

I also have a Facebook account with 158 friends and, I admit, it's getting away from me. I mean, who is Abutu Joseph Ejima and why does he want to be my friend?

Zuckerberg has more than 14 million subscribers, which is the lowest order of friend. I'm one of them.

Facebook is everywhere, including in your head, even if you're a little kid. Although membership is restricted to kids over 13, Consumer Reports estimates there are 7.5 million kids under 13 with a Facebook account, violating the rules. Do you know what your kids are doing on Facebook? Do you even know your kids are on Facebook?

Speaking of kids, Zuckerberg is still doing the kind of stuff that is sure to prompt a sequel to The Social Network: The Nerd Stumbles. For instance, on the eve of his IPO, he wore a hoodie while meeting with all the investment houses that were about to handle the offering. Very bad timing. And then General Motors pulled all its ads from Facebook. Very bad news.

Speaking of marriage, we hope that Facebook doesn't crater Zuckerberg's. The site has already been implicated in more than one-third of last year's divorces, as it only takes a few clicks to become romantically entangled. It would be ironic if Priscilla caught Mark messing with a "subscriber" in a bricks-and-mortar no-tell motel.

Still, he wore a tie at his wedding, which means he's more accountable to his wife than to Wall Street. That's what being grown up is all about.

Mark Zuckerberg GETTY IMAGES

Peak time for sun-seekers

HARRY LICHTMAN/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

Landscapes

Sunrise turns peak into fiery beacon

It looks like Photoshop has bedazzled this humble mountain with a shimmering orange glow. But, in truth, this vibrant colour is all natural, claims one intrepid photographer.

Harry Lichtman captured this scene at Glacier National Park in Montana the moment the peak was bathed in sunrise light.

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Harry Lichtman, 47, a photographer from New Hampshire. CONTRIBUTED

Lichtman talks

- **Hit or miss.** "The photo is of Grinnell Point, a mountain face in Glacier National Park, Montana. That morning started out stormy and cloudy, which can be magical or a real dud. It can be hit or miss, which is why a photographer must make the effort to be at a location and ready. I kept looking behind me, checking to see if there was a hole in the eastern horizon that the sun might break through. In the end, this is what makes the shot unique since the peak stands out from the rest of the landscape and becomes a real focal point."
- **Clues to the hues.** "The red is due in part to the warm incandescence of the rising sun, but also to the rock composition and colour. It's a sedimentary rock composed of argillite and quartzite, which is reddish-brown. You can see the evergreen trees in the left centre of the shot turning red from the sun at the sun-shade boundary."

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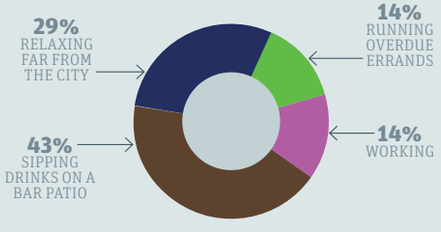

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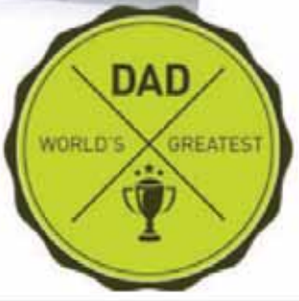

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New age stalking

Did someone hack into Selena Gomez's facebook page?

Britain's judiciary says that a 21-year-old sentenced last week for hacking into a U.S.-based Facebook account accessed the page belonging to teen actress Selena Gomez, who is the girlfriend of pop idol Justin Bieber. Gareth Crosskey was jailed for 12 months Wednesday after pleading guilty to crimes under Britain's Computer Misuse Act. His victim wasn't identified at the time, but The Sun newspaper named her as Gomez. The tabloid said Crosskey posted the words Justin Bieber sucks to her Facebook page, prompting a torrent of abuse from the Canadian singer's fans. It also said Crosskey claimed to have intercepted messages between the pair. Britain's Judicial Official on Tuesday confirmed that The Sun's story was accurate. Gomez's U.S.-based representatives did not immediately return emails.

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On the web

Agents Smith and Jones talk alien attraction of their partnership as Men in Black returns

Movie monster mash-ups

Could Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter spark a gore-addled revisionist-historical-fiction-movie trend? Another of author Seth Grahame-Smith's works, Pride Prejudice and Zombies, which adds a brain-eating wrinkle to Jane Austen's corsets-and-crumpets chick-lit standard is already in development. To speed this nascent genre along (and send history buffs into hysterics) we've concocted a few more viable monster mashes.

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History meets the supernatural in Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter. CONTRIBUTED

Romeo + Juliet + Chupacabra

Romeo crashes a bash at the Capulet mansion and his heart starts beating out of his chest when he catches sight of fair Juliet. That night on her balcony she reveals that Romeo also makes her heart go pitter-patter. Unbeknownst to the star-crossed teenaged lovers, a lurking chupacabra with a real soft spot for humans who speak in iambic pentameter feels thrills through his veins at the thought of frolicking through the streets of Verona with both Juliet and Romeo in his arms. Smitten, the chupacabra is willing to slay every peripheral character in the story from Tybalt to Lady Montague to make it happen. Starring: Taylor Swift, Michael Cera and Zach Galifianakis.

Anne of Green Ogres

Spinster Ogre siblings who run a fishing outfit in PEI adopt an adolescent orphan to help catch more lobsters. While they had bargained on a boy, Anne's happy-go-lucky personality charms their warts off and they keep her. At school she gets loads of double takes from the guys because of her carrot-orange locks. All the other young ogres' hair is vomit green. When an infatuated classmate yanks at her braids and calls her "five alarm fire hot," she bashes a blackboard over his head and the seed of young love is planted. There's literally thousands of pages worth of similarly quaint coming of-age-school hi-jinks in the source material. Five sequels and a hundred foreign language adaptations later, they will consummate their marathon courtship and actually hook up. Starring: Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield.

Spartacus: Swords, Sandals and Succubus, Too

The gladiator lifestyle is really the pits. There's the sparse wardrobe — nothing but ill-fitting sandals and unlaundered loincloths, coupled with the grim odds they face every time they enter the arena. Bookies in Capua taking five denari win, lose or draw wagers on your hide (hardly veiled code for live, die or end up severely mangled) can take a toll on the soul. Remarkably, subjugation by the Romans and horrid hygiene are the least of the Thracian's woes when his dominus's housekeepers-with-benefits turn out to be succubi. Will Sparty free his fellow gladiators or fall prey to the charms of the lusty she-demons? Starring: Daniel Craig and Kate Upton.

Dances with Werewolves

While manning a frontier outpost, a Union lieutenant befriends a Native American tribe who harbour a furry little secret. You'd think the introduction to tribal elders Barks at the Moon and his brother Runs with Team Jacob would be a tip-off but it's not until the clueless soldier falls head over hind legs for a bright eyed medicine woman who goes by Shapely Shifter that he has his I'm in love with a Lycan "a-ha" moment. After four excruciating hours of watching the protagonist go hunting with the pack and acclimating to the lifestyle, we wait with baited breath, as the soldier must finally decide whether he should become a Wolfman himself. Starring: John Hamm and Moon Bloodgood.

Frost/Nixon/ Abominable Snowman

Tricky Dick decides to break his post-Watergate silence by agreeing to a series of interviews with lightweight British talk show host David Frost. During the first couple of tête-à-têtes, Frost fails to get the disgraced former president to come clean. Before their last session Nixon accidentally drunk dials Frost and reveals that when he eats too much cottage cheese he transforms into a giant Yeti. Desperate, Frost uses this seemingly fanciful tidbit to turn the tables on their psychological brinksmanship by serving Dick some blintzes. It works and he gets a snow-white, 12-foot-tall Nixon cop to not only admit to letting down the American people, but also his nephew Bigfoot. Starring: Jude Law and Tommy Lee Jones.

Reggie Watts. Foot-loose and hands-free

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Reggie Watts GETTY IMAGES

Wisely, Reggie Watts puts on a Bluetooth headset to chat as he's driving to LAX. It's comforting that he's chosen to go hands-free; to know he's safe. Except he's not actually driving.

"No, I have a professional to do that," he says somewhat aghast, like driving the strange L.A. streets is a preposterous idea. "I'm just going hands-free ... for no reason. I like hands-free."

Hands-free and ready to multitask at any moment, because that's how he works: improvising music live via good, old-fashioned on-the-spot recording, looping and beat boxing, and riffing in comedic turns at will.

And it's working for him. This spring, Watts' tour zips through the U.S.; his May-released live CD/DVD Reggie Watts: A Live In Central Park, which premiered on Comedy Central, is joined by a second release, Reggie Watts: Live at Third Man Records, which was recorded at Jack White's Nashville Studio.

Next month, he's in the cast of IFC's Comedy Bang! Bang! performing music with Mad Men star Jon Hamm, among other things. He just finished a cameo role in Steven Soderbergh's upcoming film Bitter Pill, too.

"I did a scene with Jude Law. That was very weird, surreal. I was the crazy person on the street yelling," Watts laughs.

"I want to do more film. There are a lot of studios asking me if I have any ideas. But I don't want things to be too 'contracty.' I want things to be simple. I want to just keep doing some fun stuff."

Conan the helper

Watts, a Montana native who cut his performing teeth in Seattle before moving to Brooklyn, got a career leg-up when Conan O'Brien took him under his wing a couple of years ago.

- **Some backing.** "Yeah, he did give me a boost and that really helps," Watts says. "I just like to tinker around and be happy performing."

A real-life disaster gets the Hollywood horror treatment

'Extreme' tourism.
Chernobyl Diaries tells the story of six tourists who visit the abandoned city of Pripyat, only to discover they're not actually alone

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Devin Kelley, left, and Jonathan Sadowski star in Chernobyl Diaries. CONTRIBUTED

Hiroshima. Three Mile Island. Some names stand for more than geography.

Most recently the name Chernobyl has become the definition of disaster. A meltdown at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986 caused the ancient city to be evacuated and made the name a nuclear-age cuss word.

Pop culture looked to the disaster for inspiration. David Bowie and Kraftwerk wrote songs about the devastation. Satirists made jokes like, "Last night the Chernobyl nuclear power station fulfilled the five-year plan of heat energy generation in four microseconds."

Nuclear energy worker Homer threw a brick at "No more Chernobyls," chanting protestors on The Simpsons. The X-Files character Fluke-Man was mutated by Chernobyl's radioactive waste and half a dozen documentaries (including the Oscar winning Chernobyl Heart) have detailed the fallout from the world's biggest nuclear accident.

This weekend Chernobyl Diaries, based on a story by Paranormal Activity's director Oren Peli, puts a horror spin on the tragedy by placing six people on an "extreme tour" of the Chernobyl area.

Chernobyl Diaries uses the area as a setting, but the filmmakers behind the short film Gamma (available online) went one better and actually shot the five-minute movie on location.

The story of "Nuke-Root" technology, an organic process to rehabilitate nuclear ravaged towns, was filmed near the nuclear wasteland in Baikonur, Kazakhstan and abandoned communities of Pripyat, Ukraine. Chernobyl was also the location for Universal Solider: Regeneration, but the movie was shot in Bulgaria. Series baddie Dolphe Lundgren takes on the "perfect soldier" Jean-Claude Van Damme (JCVD) in his bid to stop a terrorist who plans to unleash a toxic cloud containing 100 times the radiation of a bomb from the Chernobyl plant.

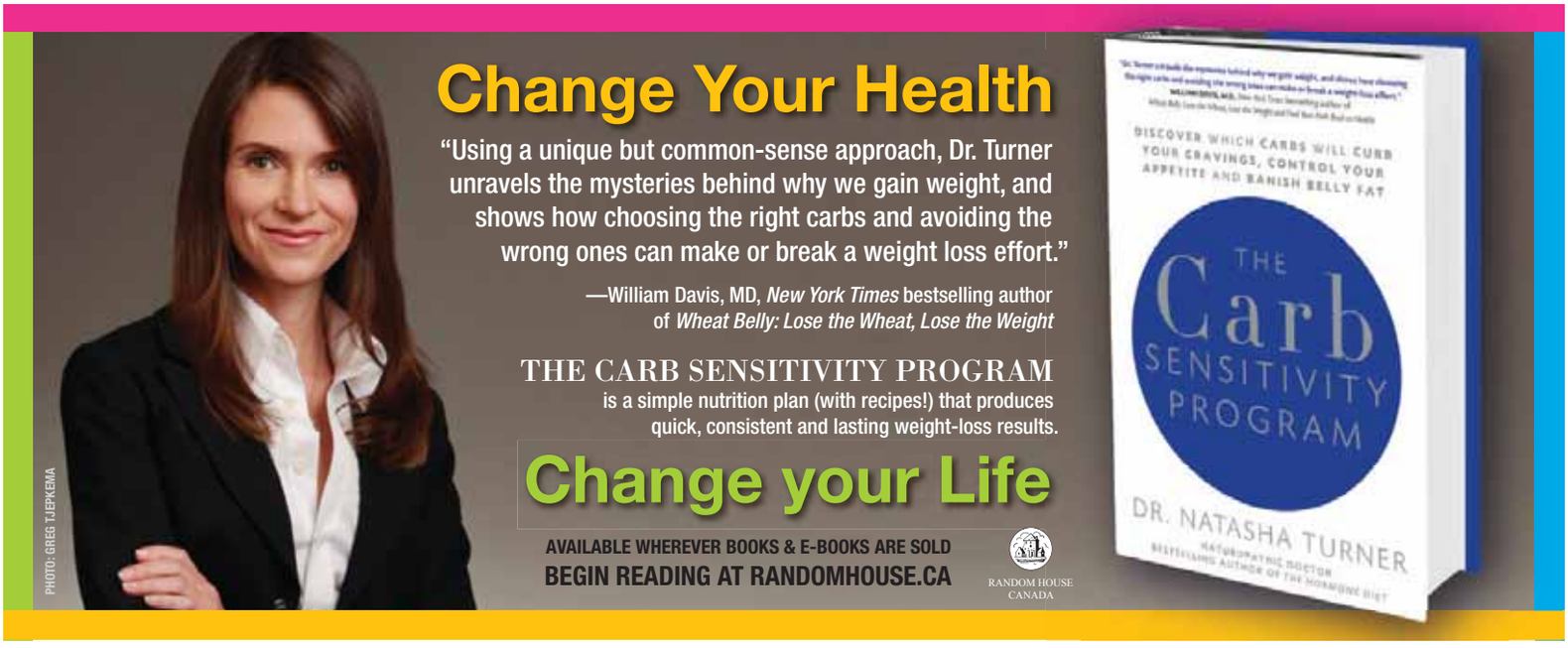
This one is for JCVD hardcore fans only. One reviewer said if you come across it on television, "keep changing channels. There's bound to be something better on."

Michael Bay got better notices for his Chernobyl film. In Transformers 3: Dark of the Moon, the director set one of the movie's big action scenes — a showdown between emotionless Decepticon Shockwave and Transformer good guy Optimus Prime — at the site of the infamous reactor.

The lighter side

Of course sometimes the Chernobyl tragedy has been played for laughs.

- **In Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo, the Chernobyl native Svetlana has a mutated penis for a nose and in Hot Tub Time Machine the guys drink a Russian energy drink called Chernobyl, which contains "ingredients which are illegal in the United States."**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Prince William talks wedding jitters and his destiny as King

Prince William

Prince William admits he didn't get much rest the night before his wedding last year. "(The crowds) were singing and cheering all night long, so the excitement of that, the nervousness of me and everyone singing — I slept for about half an hour," William says in an interview with ITV for a documentary about his grandmother, the Queen. And as for his destiny of eventually taking the throne as King of England, he admits he's resigned to his fate.

"There's not that much wriggle room left for me to try and find my own path, but I will do. It's just a matter of learning what's gone before me," William says.

John Travolta

Accusers' lawyers fighting in John Travolta fiasco

The John Travolta sexual assault allegations are taking a strange turn, with lawyers on the side of the accusers now fighting with each other. Okorie Okorocha, the lawyer who originally represented the first John Does to accuse Travolta of unwanted sexual advances, is now suing Gloria Allred, claiming she is stealing his clients, according to Hollyscoop. "Mr. Okorocha's lawsuit will be met with a counterclaim for defamation," Allred says in a statement.

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The Word

Celebs call out Chris Brown's performance

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Chris Brown appeared to lip sync his way through his Billboard Music Awards performance on Sunday evening, and it didn't escape the notice of his peers.

"One day if I lip sync I hope I do it as well as him," singer Pink tweeted as Brown performed a rendition of Turn Up the Music.

Mr. Pink, also known as Carey Hart, wasn't impressed either. "I'm pretty sure I saw my wife do that same performance, but she was three months pregnant and actually sang the song," he chimed in, also adding his professional opinion of the subpar BMX biking on stage.

This is getting brutal. Joe Jonas, what Tweet you? "What happened to people singing live???"

Here's the thing: the song was obviously lip-synced — and laughably poorly. But the performance is at least as important as the vocals for these shows, and Brown was far from the only one mouthing his way through a song that he probably had no business singing live.

But as for the fur-trimmed leather coat over a bare chest? No excuses.

Miley Cyrus says sex education key for youth

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Nineteen-year-old former Disney star Miley Cyrus thinks frank discussions about sex shouldn't be off-limits for kids. "Girls who base how much they're worth on the sexual favours they can do for somebody, that makes me really sad, because sex is actually really beautiful," she says during an interview for the Conversation with Amanda de Cadenet this week.

"It's ignorant to not talk to your kids about it or make it seem like it's not as cool or magical as it actually is. If (kids) have a TV, they know what sex is. Everyone knows, so educate them. Let them know that they wouldn't be here without it, and it is a beautiful thing, and it is magic, and it is when you connect with somebody and it isn't how much you're worth."

Twitter

@SethMacFarlane
Dear Hollywood: It's time to retire the "found footage" movie genre and start holding the camera steady again. I'm getting queasy.

@nicolerichie
I don't cry when I get my bangs trimmed, so I'm pretty sure I don't need therapy anymore

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4 off-beat places to stay while on vacation

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Boot and Breakfast, New Zealand

This fairytale retreat in the form of a giant boot, set in a hazelnut grove in the heart of the New Zealand countryside, is probably an acquired taste, but kitsch fans will relish in its crazy form. They'll also be able to enjoy a relaxing stay here, too. The hosts keep the two-storey cottage stocked with fresh flowers, chocolates, candles, champagne and serve organic breakfasts using home-grown produce, which can be eaten on the terrace, where guests are surrounded by fragrant flowers.
Price: $230 per night.
Visit: airbnb.com

Rural castle, Halifax, England

Voted the U.K.'s most luxurious home by the viewers of TV home-talent show, I Own Britain's Best Home, this five-bedroom faux-Norman folly may date back to 1860 but it is equipped with all mod-cons including plasma TVs, indoor swimming pool, full gym to a hot tub on the terrace. Next to a deer park in a valley between Leeds and Manchester, the leafy estate boasts private woodlands, landscaped gardens, its own lake and even a working water wheel.

Price: From $3,700 per night.
Visit: wimdu.com

Vintage Boeing 727, Costa Rica

If you've ever fantasized about reinventing the ending of Lost, then perhaps it would be something like this: your favourite character transforms the plane into a luxurious, Costa Rican teak-panelled b&b and you go to stay in it. This vintage Boeing 727 is now home to a luxury haven with two air-conditioned jungle-view en-suite bedrooms, kitchen and dining area and perches on a 15-metre high pedestal on the edge of Costa Rica's Costa Verde II National Park. The hardwood terrace built over the plane's former right wing offers spectacular views of sloths lounging and monkeys frolicking in the jungle on one side, and crystalline waters lapping the white beach on the other. **Price:** $411 per night.**Visit:** airbnb.com

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Travel in brief

Brazil eyes hotel price cuts

Brazil is taking steps to lower the spiraling cost of accommodations during the United Nations' upcoming conference on sustainable development, the office of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff said Wednesday. The statement said the steps could bring reductions of more than 60 per cent for the cost of housing at the Rio+20 conference in Rio de Janeiro, where authorities faced sharp criticism for skyrocketing hotel costs and shortcomings in available rooms. As many as 50,000 people are expected to flood into Rio for the June 20-22 event.
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U.S. theme parks set to thrill with a long list of new attractions

Expansion. Exciting summer in store for roller coaster fans as 20 new rides debut across the United States

The first phases of a reimagined Fantasyland at Florida's Walt Disney World, the new Cars Land at California's Disneyland based on the Cars movies, and Universal Studios Hollywood's new Transformers ride top the list of new attractions at theme parks across the U.S. in 2012.

And thrill ride enthusiasts won't be disappointed, with at least 20 new roller coasters debuting at parks from Maryland to California.

Disney says the renovation and new construction at Fantasyland inside the Magic Kingdom in Florida is the largest expansion project in the park's 40-year history, doubling the size of the current Fantasyland. Part of it — including one of what will eventually be dueling Dumbo rides and the rethemed Barnstormer family roller coaster — opened in April.

In June, Disneyland California Adventure is opening Cars Land, replicating the town of Radiator Springs from the movies, including a race-course ride and two other new little-kid-friendly attractions.

Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles is expected to debut the new Transformers ride — a dark ride with motion-simulator vehicles inspired by the science fiction action film — on May 25. On May 8, Universal Orlando introduced a daily interactive character parade and nighttime pyrotechnics show celebrating Universal's 100 years of making movies. A new 3-D ride based on the Despicable Me movie will open at Universal Orlando sometime this summer. In April, SeaWorld Orlando opened a new attraction centred on sea turtles, including a first-of-its-kind 360-degree domed theatre showing a 3-D movie about the endangered creatures. Legoland, which opened in October in central Florida, is renovating and reopening an existing water park at the site in time for the summer season.

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay this spring rolled out an elaborate ice show called Iceploration, which features everything from bombastically costumed skaters to real live exotic birds flying around the indoor theatre. The show tells the story of a kid who, with the help of his wise grandfather, puts down his electronic devices and discovers the natural wonders of the world. And entering the cool indoor theatre for the 30-minute show will undoubtedly be a welcome respite for park visitors in the heat of the Florida summer.

The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions trade group reports 135 new attractions opening this year, spokeswoman Colleen Mangone said.

"It's almost like timing is everything," Mangone said. "And in 2012 we're seeing short-term and long-term projects coming to fruition."

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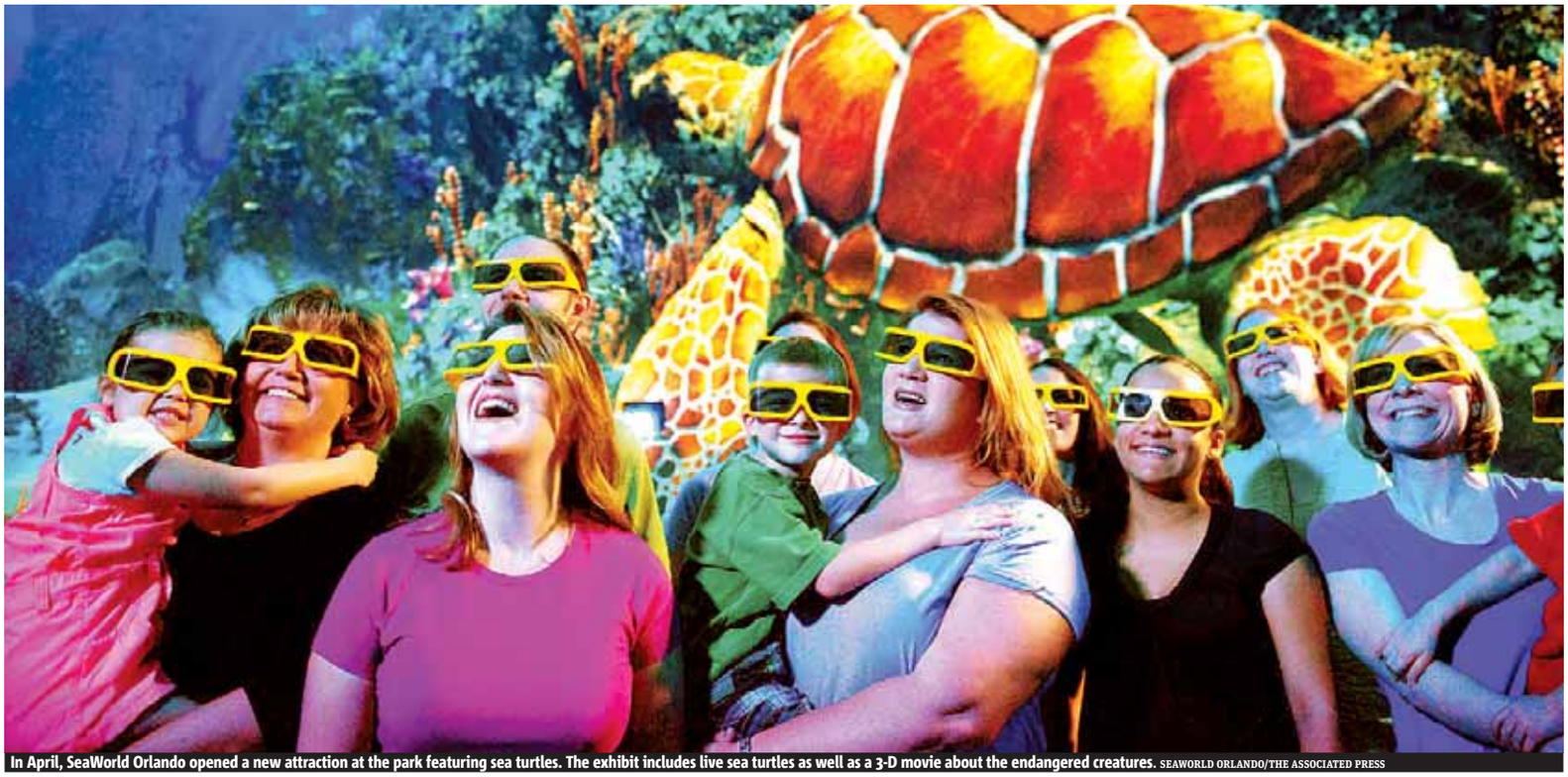

In April, SeaWorld Orlando opened a new attraction at the park featuring sea turtles. The exhibit includes live sea turtles as well as a 3-D movie about the endangered creatures. SEAWORLD ORLANDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Get ready for a royally good time: The Diamond Jubilee

Celebration. British royal fans will be gathering to honour 60 years of the Queen's reign. In preparation for the big day, we look at the events you'll hear about—and maybe even attend

Practice your distinguished royal hand clap! On June 3, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II celebrates 60 years on the throne. On the day, she'll be at the head of the spectacular Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant regatta, where more than a thousand vessels will sail, fully decked out with streamers and flags from the west Battersea Bridge along to the iconic Tower Bridge. What else should you expect?

Tea, Pinterest and more

The 140 giant Union Jack flags—that were such a hit when they were strung above central London's Regent Street for last year's Royal Wedding — will be raised again for the occasion on May 21 but the streets are already abound with Diamond Jubilee decor. Piccadilly, a major shopping street, is getting a revamp for the occasion. At one end, the Queen's favourite department store Fortnum & Mason has dressed its windows to celebrate the occasion and is stocked up with Diamond Jubilee souvenirs. At the other end, the famous Ritz hotel is preparing for its Jubilee "Ritz en fete" weekend, with commemorative lunches and afternoon tea. Meanwhile, over in Knightsbridge, iconic department store Harrods has created a very democratic Jubilee window display using ideas suggested by members of the public via website Pinterest, and high-fashion emporium Harvey Nichols has taken a step back in time to 1952 — the year of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation — and turned its windows into quirky shop fronts including a florist, grocers, fishmongers and even a lingerie store called Harvey Knickers.

Or see the Queen's jewels

Meanwhile, there's ample opportunity to appreciate the trappings of royal life thanks to all of the exhibitions that are being hosted this year. At Buckingham Palace, there's the chance to see the biggest display ever of the Queen's jewels in Diamonds: A Jubilee Celebration. Meanwhile, the newly-renovated Kensington Palace, is displaying Princess Diana's glamorous ball gowns as well as the baby clothes, party frocks and wedding gifts of Queen Victoria.

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Things to do

The big lunch

Throughout the country, Brits will be getting together for The Big Jubilee Lunch on June 3. The Queen's 60 years reign is a great excuse for a traditional street party, so neighbours will be getting together to string up Union Jack flags, cut the crusts off sandwiches and mix jugs of Pimms before sitting down at tables laid out on the street, for a day-long feast. thebiglunch.com

Afternoon tea

At the Berkeley Hotel the Caramel room has given a Jubilee twist to its afternoon tea, with sweet treats designed to pay homage to some of the Royals' most memorable headwear, theberkeley.co.uk.

Stay

Sleep over at Balmoral

Mi casa es su casa at Balmoral, the Royal estate just outside Edinburgh. The estate has served as a Scottish retreat for the Royal Family ever since it was bought by Queen Victoria in the mid-19th century. But even mere mortals can experience the Scottish great outdoors too by staying in a series of holiday cottages. balmoralcastle.com

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My favourite place.
Yukon wilderness captures the new mantracker's heart

The Yukon boasts some of the most remote scenes in Canada.
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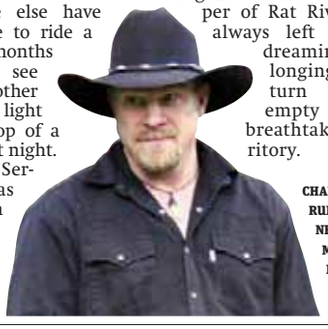
The lure of the Yukon and the remote rugged beauty of this last frontier would have to be my favourite place in Canada.

Nowhere else have I been able to ride a horse for months and never see a road, another man or a light from the top of a mountain at night.

Robert Service has written poetry about this grand wilderness and the great gold rush that occurred here. Valdy sings about walking the streets of Whitehorse, and the legend of the Mad trapper of Rat River have always left me day dreaming and longing to return to this empty but breathtaking territory.



CHAD SAVAGE RULES AS THE NEW MANTRACKER MONDAY NIGHTS ON OLN.

Unique dish gives ground beef life beyond hamburgers

Why should pie be limited to dessert? No reason at all, actually. Everything we love about pie — a moist and delicious interior, a flaky bronzed crust — can work as easily for savoury dinners and lunches as it can for cherries, apples and blueberries.

To keep the stroganoff pies simple, use a purchased pie crust. And to make forming them even easier, cook them in a muffin tin. They are delicious warm and cool.

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 125 g (4 oz) chopped cremini mushrooms
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 5 ml (1 tsp) smoked paprika
- 60 g (2 oz) cream cheese, cut into chunks
- 175 g (12 oz) extra-lean ground beef
- 1 pkg (425 g) refrigerated pie crusts (contains 2 crusts)
- 1 egg, well beaten

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Lightly coat a large six-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.

2. In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté for three minutes.

3. Add mushrooms, salt and pepper; sauté for six to eight minutes or until well browned and soft. Remove from heat and add smoked paprika and cream cheese; stir to combine. Let mixture cool for five minutes.

4. In a bowl, mix mushroom mixture and beef; set aside.

5. On a lightly floured surface, unroll one of the prepared pie crusts. Cut six circles from the crust. Each circle needs to be large enough to fit into the muffin cups, come up the sides and overhang the upper edge by about 1 cm (1/2 inch). Fit one circle into each muffin cup. Spoon meat filling evenly among cups.

6. From the second crust, cut out six smaller circles to fit on top of the muffin pies. With your fingers or a fork, crimp around the edges to seal each pie. Brush tops of pies with beaten egg and cut a slit in the top crust to vent.

7. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and a thermometer inserted into the centre reaches 74 C (165 F). Pie can be served warm or cooled to room temperature.

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Drink of the Week

Toasted Almond Ice Cream Float

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C). Toast the almonds on a baking sheet until they are golden and fragrant, about eight minutes.

2. Place the yolks in a large mixing bowl, cover the bowl with plastic wrap and set aside until ready to use.

3. In a medium saucepan, bring milk, cream, salt, almonds, almond extract, and ¼ cup (50 ml) of sugar to boil. Turn off the heat and let steep at room temperature 15 minutes; return to a rolling boil.

4. Whisk remaining sugar into bowl with yolks until smooth. Gently temper yolks by slowly adding hot almond cream, while whisking constantly. Once completely combined, strain mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a large metal bowl. Place bowl of ice cream base over another bowl of ice water and stir until cool.

5. Freeze mixture in an ice cream machine according to the manufacturer's directions until ice cream has a smooth, soft-serve-like texture. Store in freezer for four hours before serving.

6. To serve, fill four tall glasses with two or three scoops of Toasted Almond Ice Cream each, top with root beer, and serve immediately.

- 1 cup (250 ml) almonds, finely chopped
- 6 egg yolks
- 1 ½ cups (375 ml) each whole milk and heavy cream
- ¼ tsp (1 ml) fine sea salt
- ½ tsp (1 ml) almond extract
- ½ cup (125 ml) plus 2 tbsp (30 ml) granulated sugar, divided
- 4 bottles old-fashion root beer

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Bask in the light of those bulbs, because your bright ideas might just change the world. ISTOCK

The word "business" might summon an image of an unfeeling and profit-making machine. Rarely is it thought of as an exclusively benevolent force that aims to make the world a better place. Or maybe this is just me…but in any case, businesses are ultimately designed to maximize profit and sometimes do so at the expense of the environment or their employees.

More often than not, environmental sustainability, workers rights, and job creation are merely afterthoughts or marketing gimmicks aimed at — you guessed it — making more money.

But there has been a shift in recent years away from this single bottom line of profit towards a triple bottom line. Think of it as the Three Ps: people, planet, and profit. This is the realm of social innovation where innovators and entrepreneurs use novel ideas to solve pressing social issues like health care, poverty, homelessness, crime, and food security.

Thinking times three

"There has been a shift in recent years away from this single bottom line of profit towards a triple bottom line. Think of it as the Three Ps: people, planet, and profit." Justine Abigail Yu

This change in the conventional business model is resulting in a burgeoning sector and perhaps you're one such social innovator or entrepreneur with the next big idea that will change the world… or maybe you don't have that idea yet, but you're interested in exploring a career down this path. Either way, the big question is: how do you dip your toes into this relatively new and exciting sector?

Learn the lingo

Social enterprise. Social finance. Corporate social responsibility. Social entrepreneurs and social intrapreneurs. These are all common words in the world of social innovation and you should get to know them inside and out if you're planning on starting your own organization or working at one.

Attend industry events and network

Hubs of social innovation are popping up everywhere. Research what's happening around your area and attend any local events. What better way to get to know this sector than by surrounding yourself with the actual change agents themselves?

Conduct an informational interview

After you've attended one of those local events and networked your face off, why not follow up with those new connections you've made? Never underestimate the power of getting together over a hot cup of java to ask questions or even share your ideas.

Conduct an informational interview with a social innovator and ask him or her everything you've ever wondered about the sector, the specific social problem you're interested in, and even what the job itself entails.

Volunteer

Find an organization that is doing work you are passionate about and gain some hands-on experience. Get your hands dirty and volunteer! Whether it's within your local community or working overseas, there is honestly no deeper learning than practical learning.

Job hunt

Since this is a relatively nascent movement, there are always new roles and opportunities available at social enterprises. Contribute your skills and experience to one that you feel is creating real social impact.

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It all starts with a search

This whole sector is made up of change agents, or people who get out there and act. If this is something you want to really commit to, check out:

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Can video games help us learn?

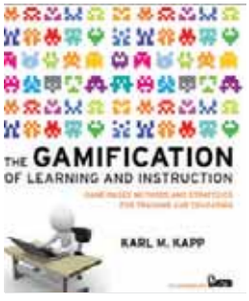
BRUCE WALSH
Metro News in Philadelphia

When you open up a new video game, do you read the instructions? Of course not. It's just more fun to jump in and start pressing buttons. And, according to author Karl M. Kapp, that's an instinct that educators should harness.

In his latest book, The Gamification of Learning and Instruction, Kapp lays out his vision for appropriating the principles of video game design for the classroom.

Surprisingly, his theories have little to do with online learning and more to do with the nuts and bolts of the traditional classroom.

"If we're clever about it, we can get to what really matters in games: It gives people a sense of purpose and mission, and it taps into our internal drives to overcome challenges," says Kapp, a professor at Bloomsburg University.



"It's about thinking like a game designer. They think challenge first, interactivity first, engagement first. In training, we tend to think content first. But content doesn't mean anything unless it's in a certain context."

For Kapp, at the heart of a well-designed course is providing students with an opportunity to learn as they fail — to throw away the instruction manual and get right to work.

"Recently I oversaw an investigator training class, and the first day they said: 'Today we're going to learn the model for investigating,'" explains Kapp.

"I think that's a bad model. As soon as the person walks into the class, you should say, 'Look, someone's been accused of embezzling $10,000. What are you going to do?'"

Common themes

Kapp has identified four common themes of video game design that can be applied to college-level lesson plans.

1. A challenge put forth at the outset of the course.
2. Integration of the student's experience into a narrative.
3. Constant feedback on individual progress.
4. A freedom to fail without penalty.

Workplace Law

It feels like night and day: An employer cannot drastically change your hours without your consent. ISTOCK

Should you merely adjust to a work adjustment?

WORKPLACE LAW
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Employees faced with changes to their jobs used to just deal with it and move on. Seldom did they protest and if they did, it often did not matter. Now, armed with the knowledge that they can pursue damages for "constructive dismissal", employees faced with changes to their jobs will call their lawyers instead.

What types of workplace changes can be rejected?

Changed responsibilities
Most employees are hired for a defined role and that role cannot later be changed without their consent. Some employers ignore this rule and impose substantial changes anyway. When this occurs, the employees may be entitled to leave their jobs and sue for damages as if they had been fired.

What about more work for the same pay?
In a recent case, an Ontario judge found that an employee was wrongfully dismissed when her job doubled but without any increase in pay.

Reduction in compensation
Some pay cuts can be rejected by employees. However, the problem is that it is not clear how large the pay cut must be. There are some cases where a five per cent reduction in overall pay could be refused but there are also cases where a 15 per cent decline was permitted.

Changed hours of work
If a specific shift or certain hours have become customary, an employer cannot make any significant change without that employee's consent. In a recent Ontario case, the court found that Ken Blair was constructively dismissed because, after nine years of working only rotating shifts, his company suddenly forced him to work nights.

Harassment or discrimination
Harassed employees can leave work and then sue for damages. However, harassment is often in the eye of the beholder. The employee must objectively show that the workplace was intolerable and there was no other reasonable option but to immediately leave.

Probation
Many employers operate under the misconception that a probation period can be imposed at their discretion, as a form of discipline. They are mistaken. Unless agreed to or used as last resort, it generally cannot be done.

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NBA

Heat regain control against Pacers in Game 5

Miami took a big step forward. Indiana lost two forwards.

Suddenly, the road back to the Eastern Conference finals no longer looks daunting for the Heat.

LeBron James scored 30 points, Dwyane Wade added 28, and the Heat moved a win away from the NBA's final four with a 115-83 victory over the hurting Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Heat lead the best-of-seven East semifinals 3-2.

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Dwyane Wade after being hit in the eye Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Cycling

Olympian Hughes OK after crash

Veteran cyclist Clara Hughes has been given a clean bill of health after a Monday crash in a road race.

"Only scratches and minor bruises, nothing that her and her coach are worried about," a Hughes spokesman said Tuesday.

The 39-year-old from Glen Sutton, Que., went over her handlebars after being caught up in a crash at the Gatineau Grand Prix in Quebec.

She went on to finish eighth in the race, which was won by Specialized Lululemon teammate Ina-Yoko Teutenberg.

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Devils goalie Martin Brodeur catches himself after being punched by New York's Mike Rupp on Monday in Newark, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All-too-familiar position for Rangers

NHL. East finalists brush away the rhetoric and prepare for a crucial Game 5

Practice for the New York Rangers went from optional to mandatory. Their attitude shifted from agitated to optimistic.

For the third straight series, the East's top-seeded team is all even through four games and each time New York has headed into Game 5 coming off a loss that would have given the Rangers a commanding 3-1 edge.

The negative view would be that they can't handle prosperity. The positive outlook is that the Rangers have a knack of bouncing back. After all, they advanced from this spot in the opening two rounds with Game 7 victories in the comfort of Madison Square Garden.

The task at hand against the rival New Jersey Devils in the conference finals is difficult, yet satisfyingly familiar. The Rangers have lost three straight Game 2s after series-opening wins and all three Game 4s following Game 3 victories.

"I guess it's a positive," Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said Tuesday after practice. "It's something we've been through. We know how to prepare for it, and we'll be ready."

Rangers coach John Tortorella ran a 40-minute practice that was originally scheduled to be optional. That changed after a 4-1 defeat on Monday in Game 4 in New Jersey. New York hosts Game 5 Wednesday.

After a team meeting, Tortorella seemed pleased with his team.

"It defines our team ... our resiliency," Tortorella said. "You have to remember, when you're trying to win two in a row, there's also a team trying not to lose two in a row. It's a pretty good team at this stage of the season."

But what can be done to get players such as Marian Gaborik, playmaker Brad Richards, and others such as Callahan and Brian Boyle going?

"Pray," Tortorella said. "I don't know what else to tell you. We're going to keep on trying to play, pray, and hopefully something good happens to them."

The Rangers have scored nine goals in four games against the Devils. Only one has been scored by the Rangers' top-line forwards.

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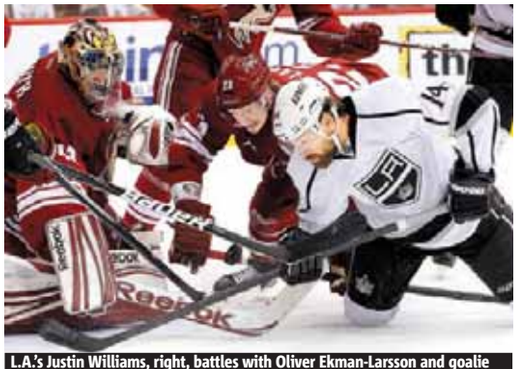
Quoted

"I think emotion takes over. I took offence at what happened on the ice and that was my outlet — right or wrong."

Devils coach Peter DeBoer, commenting Tuesday on his screaming match with John Tortorella after Rangers forward Mike Rupp took a jab at Martin Brodeur near the end of Game 4.

Kings marching on to the Stanley Cup finals



L.A.'s Justin Williams, right, battles with Oliver Ekman-Larsson and goalie Mike Smith Tuesday in Glendale, Ariz. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dustin Penner scored 17:42 into overtime and the Los Angeles Kings are headed to the Stanley Cup finals for the second time as a franchise after beating the Phoenix Coyotes with a 4-3 win in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals Tuesday night.

Penner gathered a bouncing puck and beat Mike Smith between the pads for the game-winner, extending the Kings' road winning streak to an NHL-record eight straight games. Anze Kopitar scored a shorthanded goal, Drew Doughty had a goal and an assist, and Mike Richards also scored for Los Angeles.

"I got a lucky bounce," Penner said. "I just waited for it to settle down, and I got a chance to get it in the net."

The first team to go undefeated on the road en route to the Stanley Cup finals, the Kings will play Game 1 on May 30 at either New Jersey or New York.

Game 5

Kings	Coyotes
4	3

Los Angeles is in the final round for the first time since 1993, when Wayne Gretzky and the Kings lost to the Montreal Canadiens in their only finals appearance.

Taylor Pyatt had a goal and an assist. Marc-Antoine Pouliot and Keith Yandle also scored for the Coyotes in their first trip to the Western Conference finals.

Los Angeles blew one chance to put away the pesky Coyotes.

Leading the series 3-0 and playing at home, the Kings couldn't match Phoenix's intensity in Game 4 and lost 2-0, giving the Coyotes a glimmer of hope. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Soccer

"So to make something out of this season, we have to win. Because then you've got some nice games coming up in, say, August until November."

Toronto FC striker Danny Koevermans on hosting the Vancouver Whitecaps in the second leg of the Amway Canadian Championship final. The Canadian champion advances to the CONCACAF Champions League later in the season. Toronto has a slight edge going into Wednesday night's game, having tied 1-1 in Vancouver in the opening leg. That means it has an away goal and will advance if it wins or the game ends in a 0-0 draw.

Horse racing

I'll Have Another 'a very happy horse'

Canadian-owned Triple Crown contender I'll Have Another is recovering well from Saturday's Preakness victory. The colt arrived at Belmont Park on Sunday to prepare for the June 9 Belmont Stakes, where I'll Have Another will attempt to become the first Triple Crown winner since 1978. An assistant to trainer Doug O'Neill said Tuesday that I'll Have Another is "a very happy horse."

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On the web

After Monday's 6-0 loss in Kansas City, New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi said he hoped his club had hit "rock bottom." The Yankees were tied for last place in the AL East on Tuesday and history might not be on their side for turning the season around. Scan the code for the story.

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The Elantra just got more interesting

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Engine

Both sedan and Coupe converge in the powertrain department. Standard is a 1.8-litre engine that puts out 148 horsepower and 131 pound-feet of torque. It connects to a six-speed manual transmission, or optional six-speed automatic.

The only engine offered is the 138-horsepower four-cylinder from the sedan.

Suspension

Where the sedan and Coupe really differ is in the suspension department. A thicker front stabilizer bar, more rigid rear torsion beam, retuned shocks and a quicker electronic power steering ratio are all designed to give the Coupe more agility in the turns.

2013 Elantra Coupe

- **Type.** Two-door compact coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.8-litre DOHC four-cylinder (148).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 6.8/4.9 (MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $19,000 (est.).

Nice behind

In back, the addition of an integrated trunk-lid spoiler and a blacked-out lower bumper area with twin exhaust outlets creates at least the impression of the Coupe's sporty behaviour. The theme carries into the cabin with its more prominent front-seat side bolsters.

Review. It's missing two doors, yes, but in some respects that makes it better

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

The pace of change at Hyundai is indeed swift, and the expanding Elantra brand is at the forefront with a new two-door Coupe that's about to join the compact sedan.

An equally new GT hatchback is also set to arrive (replacing the Elantra Touring), providing a fresh-faced three-model Elantra lineup.

All of this frenetic activity is part of Hyundai's plan to introduce seven new models throughout the 2012 calendar year.

Two-door designs haven't been particularly popular and they traditionally represent only a small percentage of total sales for most automakers.

But they do serve as bait to reel in more youthful buyers, even if in the end they often wind up making a more practical sedan purchase. For the Elantra, both are smart choices, but for slightly different reasons.

The Coupe rests on an identical platform to the sedan and offers the same interior volume and trunk room.

That's good news for backseat travellers who shouldn't feel too pinched on longer journeys.

And as Hyundai points out, the Elantra Coupe beats both the Civic Coupe and the Kia Koup in the interior space race by a significant margin.

So, what's the point of a seemingly less functional car? In a word, va-va-voom.

Hyundai has yet to reveal any Coupe pricing details, but to stay well below the $20,500 Veloster hatchback's base threshold — and to remain competitive with the Honda Civic coupe — you can expect an on-the-road starting point of about $19,000.

That will get you all of the basic styling and fuel-economy goodness inherent in the Elantra sedan, but with a more-tempting let's-play attitude.

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Top Gear

Clean cleaning cloths

There are plenty of specially developed cloths, towels and mitts on the market for washing, wiping and waxing the exterior and interior of your vehicle. But how do you restore them to a useful condition after you've dirtied them up a bit? The maker of WHOOSH! claims that its biodegradable detergent will not harm the micro-fibres that are commonly used in the manufacture of cleaning cloths and applicators. Instead, they will turn out as soft and fluffy as new, which is what you need to get back to work on your vehicle. The product's formulation, which includes water softeners, attacks grease, dirt, oils, wax, brake dust and other stains without the use of bleach or other harmful chemicals. A 946-millilitre bottle sells for about $20 and is available from the manufacturer at whooshinc.com. WHEELBASE

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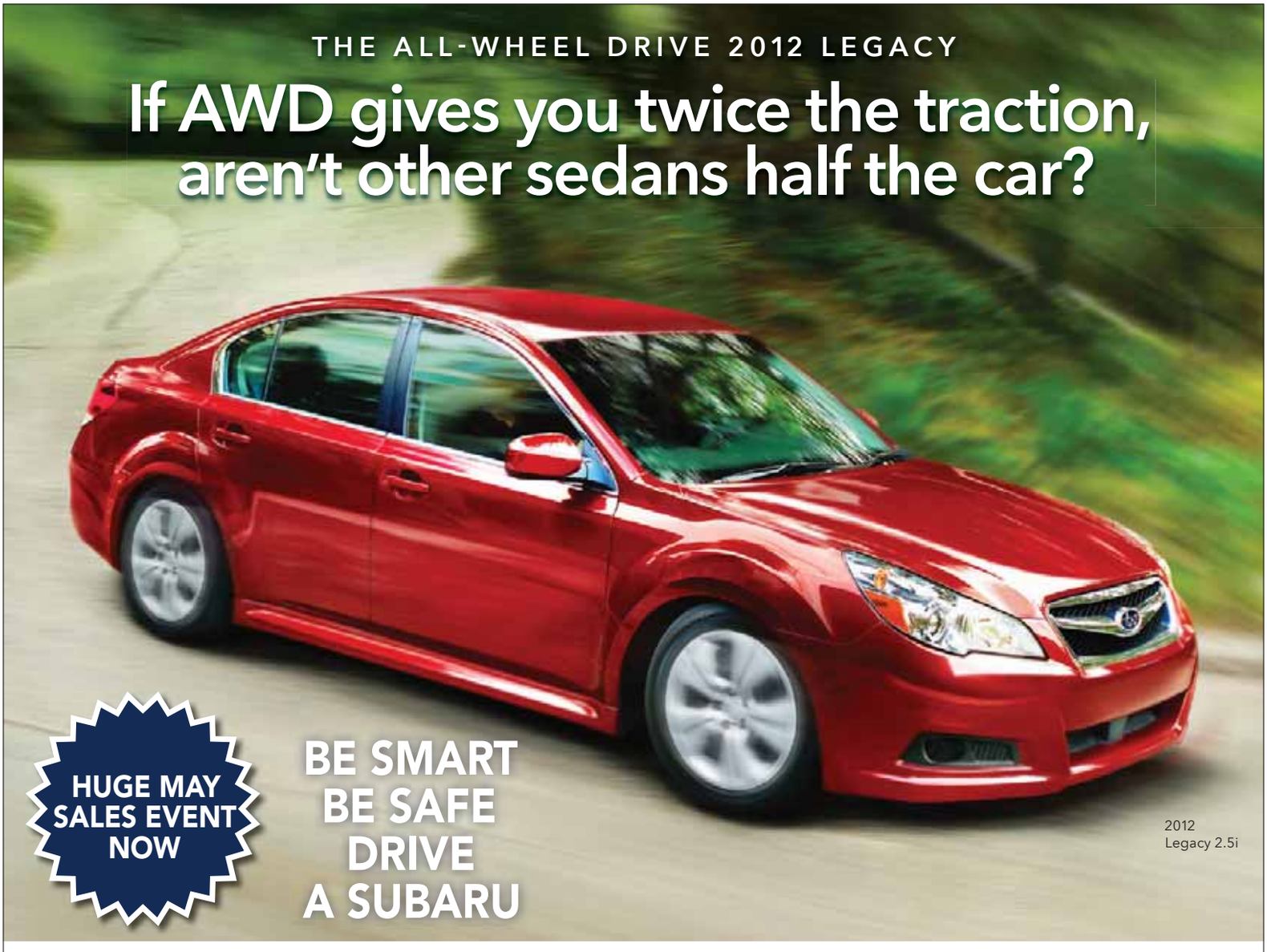

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Behold the Audi e-bike Wöthersee, which is chock-full of technology. Just think of it as a super bike. CONTRIBUTED

The weather was great this past Victoria Day weekend, so our family seized the opportunity to get on our bicycles.

Because of my bent toward "vintage" in pretty much everything except health care, the bikes I've procured for the family over the years have always been heavy on steel and light on non-traditional technology.

Needless to say, they look nothing like the "bicycle" that Audi debuted last week at the Wörthersee Tour, the annual grand meeting of Audi, VW, Seat and Skoda, held every spring by the Wörthersee lake in Carinthia, Austria.

The Audi e-bike Wörthersee is a one-off concept bristling with technology, but its biggest claim to fame may be its bizarreness — or at least how well it defies categorization.

It's like a moped — you can pedal when you want, or access power when you want.

It's like a high-tech electric bike, with an electric motor located in bottom bracket and a lithium-ion battery located in frame. It's like a high-tech racing bicycle, with full carbon frame and nine-speed gear set, which uses hydraulic-assisted shifting.

Based on its frame geometry and seat position, it's also kind of like a motorcycle built for Trials competition, or like a bicycle built for trick riding. It's top electric speed is a relatively sedate 50 km/h, but the battery/motor combination can crank out 184 lb-ft of torque! This should make it capable of a lot of interesting things. Trick riding is aided by the various "Wheelie" modes. One of the modes, "Balanced Wheelie," should keep the e-bike's front tire in the air almost indefinitely; the rider's balance is maintained electronically, and the rider can speed up and slow down by simply leaning forward or backward, just like those two-wheeled Segways. So, yes, a Segway is another thing it's like.

But lest we forget, it's also like an iPad, smartphone, or video game. Here are some direct quotes from the press release: "The on-board computer is located in the frame top tube and operated using a touch screen… The rider's smartphone communicates by WLAN with the bike's computer. The antenna is integrated into the front brake line. To ride the bike, the immobilizer is deactivated by the smartphone… Video images recorded (by the helmet cam) or even complete trick sequences can be transmitted to the Internet or the trainer. Every trick performed successfully qualifies for success points.

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A couple of things it's not, however, is simple or almost free — two things that effectively describe my 38-year-old Raleigh Grand Prix.

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Volvo's compact sedan, the S40, shared mechanicals with the Volvo V50 wagon while offering shoppers an eager four-door with an eye for Scandinavian style and safety.

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Common Issues

Check for proper operation of the external temperature readout, climate control system and all door-mounted controls — including the power locks, mirrors and windows. Some owners have reported door-mounted controls going dead at random. As well, ensure the remote keyless entry system works as expected, and check for any 'Check Engine' lights or warning messages.

A humming sound or vibration from the rear of the vehicle at low to moderate speeds could be a symptom of a problem with the All Wheel Drive (AWD) system, and any harsh shifting or 'slipping' from models equipped with the automatic transmission should also be noted.

Finally, be wary of any turbo-charged model that's been heavily modified, especially if the owner/seller has 'turned up' the boost for additional performance.

Engine

Naturally-aspirated or turbo-charged five-cylinder engines were available. Displacing 2.4 litres, the engine created about 170 horsepower. The 2.5-litre turbo-charged variant bumped output as high as 227.

What Owners Like

Owners rate refinement, engine performance (with T5 powerplant), ride and handling, interior styling and a feeling of safety and confidence the most highly on their S40s. All Wheel Drive traction during winter months is also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike

Limited cabin storage, fuel mileage and blind spots are among the most common owner-stated complaints.

Verdict

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Venturing into the jungle

Auto Know. Stuff goes into the garage. Stuff never comes out. Now it's finally time to clean

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In one corner there's an assortment of garage crap that Peter Walsh simply calls the "are-you-kidding-me!" pile. Across the way, there's a dateless stack of seasonal "stuff" apparently meant to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

Walsh, the famous Clutter Buster from the Oprah Winfrey Show, is trying to develop a clean-up plan as he scans this jumble mess that includes everything from pet carriers and sports equipment, to 1970s music posters and cans of motor oil that may be older yet.

Sound familiar?

Without detection, your garage has again transformed from an organized storage space and a safe place to keep a vehicle into a purgatory for items that fit nowhere else. A walk-in junk drawer, if you will.

"Garages are the elephant burial ground of the 21st century," Walsh said in a recent article posted on Oprah.com. "Stuff goes in. Stuff never comes out."

So what's the best approach to sorting and cleaning garage clutter, without going missing while you're on the job site?

Walsh offers a simple and inexpensive three-step plan to help reclaim and organize your estranged garage space.

Step 1
Take full inventory and spare no prisoners

Any garage makeover must start with what Walsh calls "clutter-cide," a test of separation anxiety that forces folks to let go of things "I might need someday".

Every item goes in one of four piles: keep; sell; donate; or dumpster. The memories in the mess often make this step difficult to get through, but keeping the sentiment out of the clean up makes the garage a happier place.

A good rule of thumb is if you haven't needed something in the last year, you won't need it in the next decade.

Step 2
Mark your turf

Obviously, adequate parking space is the top priority in most garages. But holiday decorations, gardening tools and sports gear are also storage staples.

To keep common items best organized, Walsh stressed that using tape or paint to divide the garage into specific storage "zones" makes certain that Santa isn't sharing his space with a common lawn gnome.

"When everything has a designated area," Walsh said, "you always know where it belongs, which helps set limits on volume."

Specific storage zones will also help everyone know visually what goes where, and increase the odds the baseball bat gets returned to sporting goods and not put in with auto parts. Pegboard is another cheap and easy way to hang tools and keep your garage organized when the toolbox becomes too stuffed to latch.

Aside from throwing out stuff you never use, it's important to group together related stuff so that you can actually find what you're looking for when you're looking for it.

Step 3
Store with purpose

This is the part of the process where inventory clearance and space management show desired results.

Storing boxes vertically maximizes garage space and keeps property best organized. And Walsh stresses that plastic bins are the only way to store because they can be stacked, they are sturdy, and they come in different colours and sizes for easy inventory recognition. Being liquid proof also has its advantages in a garage setting.

All bins should be colour-coded by contents (perhaps red for holiday for example), labelled and stacked where the most frequently used items are the most accessible.

In a perfect garage, shelves are used for storage and nothing is kept on the floor, allowing for easy cleaning.

But different budgets bring less-than-perfect options. If money is no object, garage makeover companies are popping up all over the web and elsewhere. But for the more frugal, the following is a short list of more do-it-yourself tips that go a long way.

Rent A Dumpster

Anyone who has ever gutted a garage underestimates how much trash is actually in there. An internet search for "dumpster rental" will give a comparison of local prices, and for about the cost of dinner for four out on the town, a company will deliver and pick up a 10-yard dumpster that will pay for itself in convenience and time saved.

Plastic Preferred

Walsh warns that rodents love to chew wire coatings in cars and homes, and plastic storage bins with locking lids help to keep them out. Cardboard boxes, unprotected paper and loose fabrics provide a "mice" place for these pests to thrive ... and multiply.

Chemical Care

The temptation during garage clean up is to stuff all of those unwanted chemicals and paint cans into a garbage bag, and send them off to a landfill near you. That's obviously a bad idea given the contaminants these products put into the soil and groundwater. The website earth911.com offers a recycling directory for safe and nearby disposal of these toxic materials.

Magnetic personality

Magnetic knife holders sold at any kitchen supply store can be easily mounted to any wall or pegboard and will extend the life of paintbrushes by keeping the bristles clean and damage free during drying and storage. Other metal tools and utensils can also be conveniently hung and kept out of the way on these magnetic strips.

But even the best intentions and organization require ongoing maintenance when it comes to keeping your space clean.

Because without some routine attention, Santa and the lawn gnome would both tell you that nothing clutters up around the house faster than a garage.

Perfectly good shelves wasted on stuff — big stuff — that only has sentimental value. The toughest part for some is parting with trash.

The four corners of the garage are magnets for stuff.

Clutter isn't just an organizational problem. Do you think these two cars will avoid scratches with this setup? Getting the vehicles in and out of the garage must be fun with those items in between. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

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Always 'check out' a check engine light

Driving Force. This warning on your dash shouldn't be taken too lightly, as it encompasses numerous systems within your vehicle

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Your vehicle's dash contains a number of warning lights that will illuminate when necessary to alert you to a problem. Most of these issues are very rare, but one that some drivers have seen is the "check engine" light.

"The check engine light is based on emissions sensors," says Hayato Mori, manager of product planning for Honda Canada.

"Ours tracks a number of things, including oxygen sensors, air flow and fuel mix, air that's coming in, water temperature, and fuel evaporation."

The most common cause of a check engine light is a fuel cap that isn't completely tightened.

Whenever you fuel up your vehicle, make sure you turn the cap until it clicks.

"If you don't close the fuel cap completely, the emissions sensors detect that there is fuel evaporating within the tank, and that takes the sensor out of the range of what it's supposed to be," Mori adds.

Check your owner's manual once you've tightened the cap. Some vehicles may require that you drive them for a few kilometres, or turn the ignition on and off a few times, before the light goes out.

If you find that you're frequently getting a warning that involves the fuel cap, the cap itself may need replacement, as their seals can wear down over time.

Quote

"I wouldn't just treat it as an annoying light."

Hayato Mori, manager of product planning for Honda Canada

Although your car may run fine, if the light comes on, it should still be investigated.

"I wouldn't just treat it as an annoying light," Mori says. "It's something that's not right with the car. The technician will plug in a reader. It's like an iPad tablet and it can read the car like a book. The computer looks for the fault code and what could trigger it."

The check engine light encompasses numerous systems, and problems could include sensors that monitor how much air is mixed with the gasoline, airflow difficulties that could be caused by a dirty air filter, or an overloaded emissions canister caused by overfilling the fuel tank.

Tips

- Be careful if you're rustproofing your car, and use a reputable company, according to Honda's Hayato Mori. If they spray improperly, it could interfere with an oxygen sensor that's located in your car's exhaust system.
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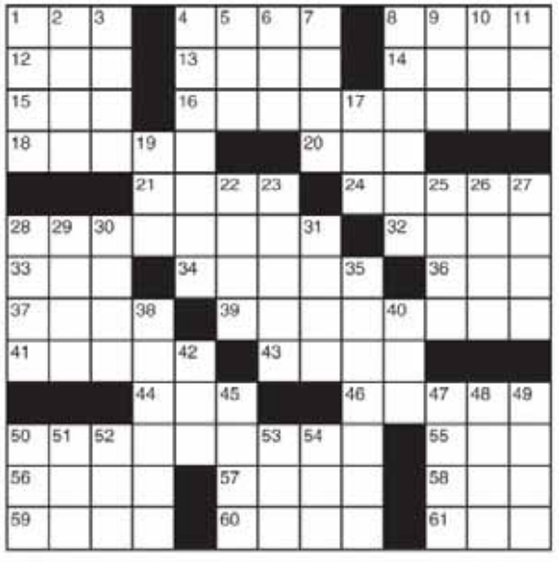
Across

1 "Monty Python" opener
4 Returned
8 Arizona city
12 Regret
13 Lotion additive
14 Eastern potentate
15 $ dispenser
16 John Hancock
18 Resigns
20 Dead heat
21 "Dragnet" star
24 Perch
28 Green
32 A bit blue
33 Volente lead-in
34 Eat loudly
36 WWII general Arnold
37 Many millennia
39 Bond
41 Anticipate
43 Staff member
44 Tums target
46 Implied
50 Chairs, tables, etc.
55 Lennon's lady
56 Sicilian spouter
57 Distant
58 Legislation
59 Fervor
60 Grad rags?
61 Commonest word

Down

1 Tigris territory
2 Frill for Fonteyn
3 Big rig
4 Some hounds
5 — Baba
6 Gear tooth
7 Superman's alter ego
8 Shower component
9 Ostrich's cousin
10 Round Table address
11 Exist
17 Melody
19 Airline letters
22 Wall Street optimist
23 Bear
25 Pearl Harbor site
26 Cicatrix
27 Work at the keyboard
28 Concept
29 Cat call
30 "— Lisa"
31 Therefore
35 Model
38 Cue
40 Afternoon affair
42 — chi
45 Unescorted
47 Layer of paint
48 Part of the foot
49 Carry
50 Shriner's chapeau
51 Multipurpose truck
52 Geneticist's abbr.
53 Faraway craft
54 Uncivilized



Sudoku

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			1			2	4	
	6	5						8

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	5	2	9	4	1	8	7	6
7	1	9	6	2	8	3	5	4
8	6	4	3	7	5	2	1	9
6	9	3	4	8	7	5	2	1
2	4	8	5	1	6	7	9	3
1	7	5	2	3	9	6	4	8
9	3	1	8	5	2	4	6	7
4	2	7	1	6	3	9	8	5
5	8	6	7	9	4	1	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

UGZCDM OKLKDYQE JYGOYKW BD UKO NCLRKO TGJRKY IOBVKLY, JUK OKIBOYKW "NKGZK BDQE VFJY TKMFD."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU GREET SONGWRITER ARLEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY, ONE COULD SUPPOSE THAT YOU HERALD HAROLD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals O

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Strive to stay on goods terms with someone who has the power to make life uncomfortable for you.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A relationship that has been going through a bad patch will improve over the next few days.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Stop putting pressure on yourself and accept that what is meant to happen will happen in its own good time. Life will be easier that way.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Give those who ask for help your verbal support but encourage them to take responsibility for their own actions.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Wishful thinking is not always a bad thing and what you wish for today may well become your reality over the next few weeks.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Today's Sun-Neptune link will encourage you to reach for some unattainable goal. Don't do it.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You're a passionate Scorpio so why are you trying to pretend that you don't care about something when, deep inside, you are raging?

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. The Sun in your opposite sign means that some people will try to intimidate you. You must resist them.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The best way to get through the day – any day – is to live it moment by moment. Let fate be your guide.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start smiling again. Don't wait for tomorrow — have fun today.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Sob stories are making the rounds at the moment — and you are advised to ignore each and every one of them. Chances are, none of them are true. SALLY BROMPTON

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